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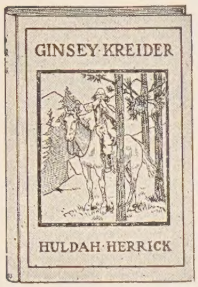

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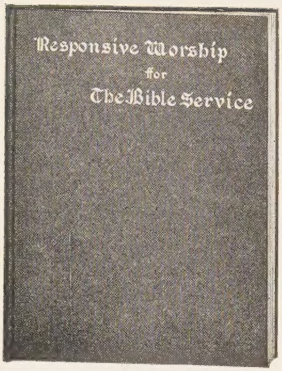

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In behalf of the General Committee.

The American Missionary Association

Written for the Springfield Book

By CHARLES J. RYDER, D. D., *Secretary.*

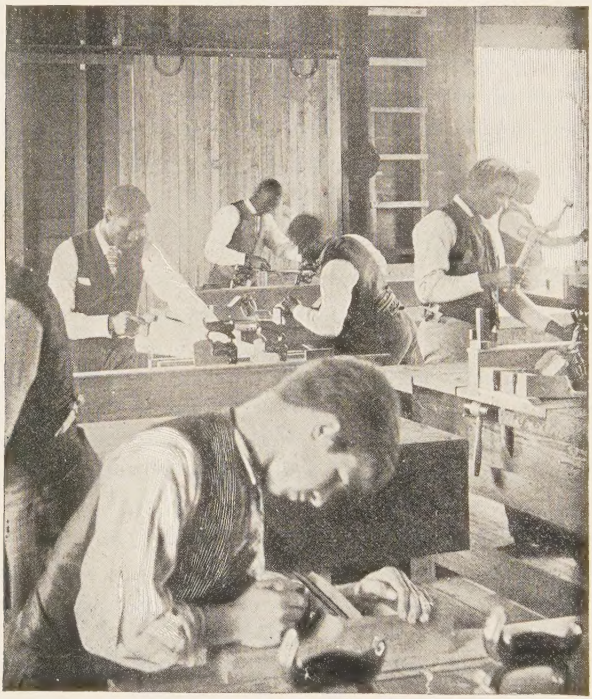
Historical The American Missionary Association grew out of deep convictions and great movements. No period in the history of the American nation has been more portentous and significant than the years between 1846 and 1860. The present condition and comprehensive work of this great Association are so dependent upon its past that even a brief sketch would be incomplete without some reference to the historical settings.

Fifty-fourth This gathering in Springfield marks the Fifty-fourth Annual Meeting. Great progress has been made in the sentiment of the nation in behalf of freedom and the generous treatment of the needy people since the American Missionary Association was organized in 1846. It was born amidst agitation and storm. The Negroes were slaves in apparently hopeless bondage. The Indians were the wards of the nation, pillaged and robbed and murdered according to the greed and lust of selfish and brutal agents, with little restraint from the general government. The Chinaman was a curiosity, followed by children through the streets of a few American cities. The American Highlander, brave and loyal to his country and to its flag, detesting slavery and yet not knowing how to oppose its enroachments, was locked away in the fastnesses of the southern mountains.

Alaska was a foreign country to us and the educational and religious possibilities of Christian America were not at all felt for the neglected Eskimo. Profound and far reaching progress marks the condition of these various peoples as the Association gathers at its Fifty-fourth meeting in Springfield. And yet the heroic men and women who organized this Association to carry work among depressed and needy peoples inaugurated movements and set in oper-

ation forces that contributed mightily to these great changes and reforms. In the plans of Christian education, including all peoples and races throughout our country, this Association was a pioneer.

These large results are the natural fruit of the tree planted by



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the fathers. These men were heroic, self-sacrificing patriots. They were God-fearing and man-loving Christians. They were prophets of God, seers, to whom the future was unrolled as a scroll. By their intution they saw the magnificient opportunities and the vast duties which this future must bring. They even fore-ordained in the very constitution of this Association the out-

come of opportunity, and the wonderful development of this great work. "These all died in faith, not having received the promises but having seen them and greeted them afar off."

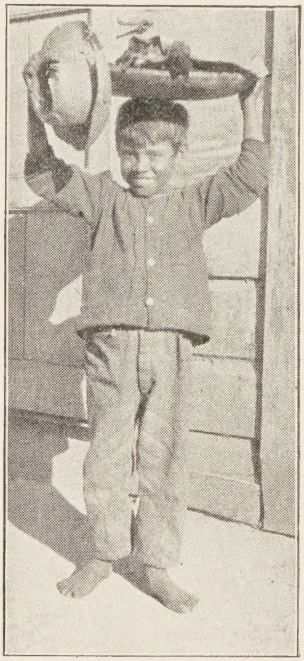
Educational The first school for freedom was planted by the American Missionary Association on September 17, 1861, at Hampton, Virginia. A refined colored woman received the commission as teacher. Hampton Institute with its splendid work grew out of this humble school established by a colored woman under the supervision of the American Missionary Association. Dr. Frissell, the honored principal of Hampton Institute, one of the speakers at this convention, represents the magnificent work accomplished to-day, grand in itself, but grander still as showing how large fruitage may come from small and humble beginnings.

Fisk University, Tenn., Talladega College, Ala., Straight University, La., and Tougaloo University, Miss., representing some of the larger institutions of this Association among the Negroes, gather in their history events equally heroic and thrilling. Indeed scarcely a school in the cities where Negroes are crowded together, or in the great Black Belt where they are massed in vast numbers, but illustrate sacrifice and heroism scarcely matched in the history of Christian missions. This grand convention at Springfield brings together those who represent both devotion and courage in pushing forward the interests of the Kingdom of God. Reports of these missionaries are like bugle calls. There is nothing weak or commonplace in them. In every field, courage, persistency and gentleness, must mingle to secure their splendid results. We bring the tribute of grateful recognition and honor to those who have

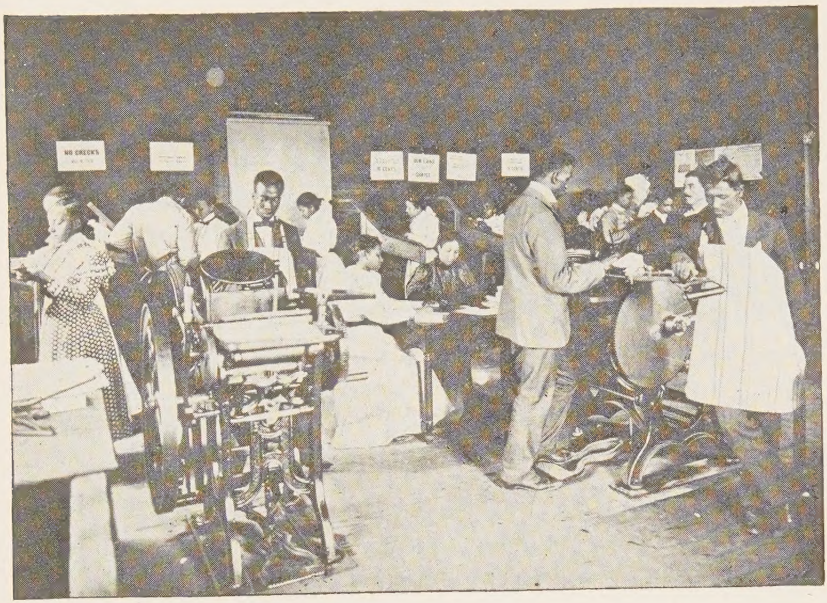
gone before making the history of the American Missionary Association, and who have rendered possible the splendid fruits of the present.

Fields of Work

The American Missionary Association is committed by the churches with the responsibility of carrying Christian education and active evangelizing forces throughout a vast territory. The field now occupied, reaches from Porto Rico to upper Alaska, eight thousand miles northwest aud southeast. From east to west it reaches from Savannah to San Francisco. In twenty-five states and territories including the new island region are the aggressive missionary forces of this Association already at work. In *numbers of people* the work is also impressive. There are not far from thirteen million souls included within the peoples of this Association. They are in the main, vastly needy people. The tables show that the south, more than any other region of the old United States has the greatest percentage of illiteracy. Porto Rico comes under the flag, and becomes a field into which this Association must send its missionaries, and Porto Rico has eighty-five per cent. of illiterates. This fact emphasizes the importance of the educational work of the Association. Schools are planted throughout this vast region and among these millions of people in order to meet their intelligent wants, and lift them up into intelligent citizenship, but more, to bring them an intelligent and regenerating gospel. This is always the American *Missionary* Association with supreme emphasis on the Missionary.



Industrial *Industrial Training* holds a large place in this work. At Taugaloo University, in the heart of Mississippi, there is an illustration of the best way of reaching the colored people with industrial instruction. A large farm lies around this school which is cultivated by the students under the direction of a competent agricultural instructor. Cattle, horses and other animals are raised, and a better stock has been brought into that part of Miss-



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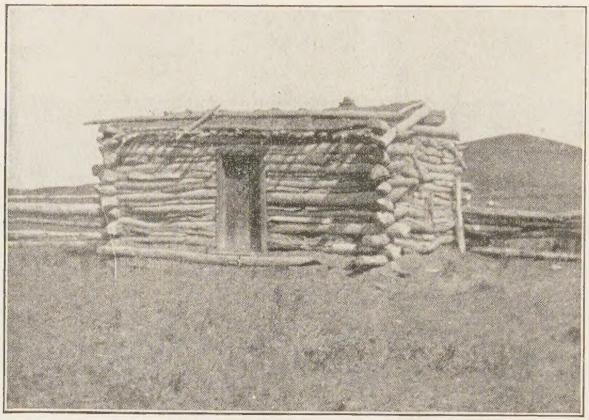
Negroes issippi, greatly improving its general grade by means of this institution. Shops, in which blacksmithing, wagon-making and other trades are taught, stand on the campus. Inside the girls' boarding hall, instruction in industrial lines is given to the young women. This school however is a type of many others of this Association which have been planted in the South and West.

Indians At Santee Normal Training School for Indians in Nebraska, much emphasis is laid upon industrial training. Young Indian men and women go out from this school prepared for the responsible duties of life in the home and on the farm or in the shop. No one can over estimate the value of the industrial training given through the American Missionary Association to these undeveloped races. It was the first to establish such training in the south, and it has consistently and persistently maintained it through these many years. The constituents may be justly proud of the important place that it holds in this work to-day.



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And so the higher institutions have been planted for those who needed such training. Professional schools, never largely attended, but furnishing opportunities for such study to ambitious and large-

brained young men and women, have been economically maintained. Normal instruction has been a prominent element fitting teachers to take charge of the public school. Indeed a leadership for the people from among the people, a leadership well furnished and thoroughly developed, has been the ideal toward which this work has been directed. Facts have abundantly proven that only as a race has a leadership of its own color, can progress be large.

Native Leadership

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Churches have been organized and church buildings in many cases stand beside the school house. The regenerating power in New England has been the church and the school, the academy perhaps more than the college, as academies have been more numerous than colleges.

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This fundamental element in the magnificent development of New England has been the one carried by this Association into these fields. Ministers, intelligent and trained, with sterling moral character and devotion from the very races to whom they minister, occupy largely the pulpits of these churches. Sometimes under most trying circumstances do these faithful men labor. Church buildings in some cases consist of bowers made from the branches of the trees, sometimes the barest log buildings erected by the people, sometimes an Indian tepee on the prairie, into which these earnest pastors gather their congregations. "Sings as He Walks" was the appropiate name of an Indian missionary who gathered his congregation on the prairie. Many such native pastors in lowlands and

ETTA R. STAMFORD, Sec'y Santee Endeavor Soc.

highlands of the South or among the scattered red men of the west, are sewing the seeds that will bear large fruitage in the future.

Alaska The most western point of main land over which the stars and stripes float, is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lopp, the missionaries of this Association. A herd of reindeer cared for by the mission, constitutes a unique department of such service. These reindeer furnish transportation, milk, meat, clothing and covering,

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for the Eskimo. In their care they develop the higher qualities of character. Persistency, gentleness and faithful attention are essential in order to be a successful herdsman. Sokweena and his wife, native Eskimo, have a mission some distance from the original station and are largely reaching their people. In this remote northern region, the American Missionary Association was one of the pioneers in sending the gospel. A printing press, furnished

by a boys' club in the Church of the Pilgrims, Brooklyn, N. Y., has been used to great advantage in teaching the Eskimo boys to set type, and also a more complete knowledge of the English language. The Eskimo Bulletin, advertised as "The Only Yearly in the World," is printed by these boys. In the mad scrabble for gold which the white men are responsible for in this territory, it is easy to forget our responsibility to the natives. The American Missionary Association through its mission, is reaching these native people and seeking to prepare them for the new conditions of life which are hurrying upon them.

Chinese Rev. Jee Gam has endeared himself to many of the people in the East, as well as to his Chinese friends in the West where he has charge of the Chinese Mission in San Francisco. He is a man of unique personality, attractive and interesting, and of deep devotion. He has charge of the mission at San Francisco where the Association has a large mission house into which gather many Chinese from the crowded streets of Chinatown. Chinese missions are scattered up and down the Pacific Slope under the immediate direction of a local society auxiliary to the American Missionary Association. This work among the Chinese of America means much for the regeneration of the great empire across the ocean, In these times when so many hearts are anxious and sorrowful over the turmoil and bloodshed in China, too great emphasis can not be placed on the value of the native missionary trained in the schools of this Association on the Pacific Slope, who shall carry to his own people the message of the gospel and Christian civilization. No one familiar with the value of the native missionary in any field, can doubt that God's all wise providence has brought to our shores these peoples from Africa and China and Japan, that they may carry back to their own peoples that which they so much need.

And so the work of the American Missionary Association not only includes this vast area and these many millions of people, but touches in its influence uncounted millions in pagan lands. Its importance can not be over estimated, nor the pressing needs of the

work exaggerated. Through the speakers, representatives of these different races are present at this convention, and there are also here able and self-sacrificing representatives of our own race who have given their lives to the solution of these great problems that press upon us in our responsibility as Christian Americans.

Jee Shin Mae Felt Blodgett.

SPRINGFIELD

SPRINGFIELD, Massachusetts, the place of meeting of the Fifty-fourth Annual Convention of the American Missionary Associations, is in many respects an ideal community. Its situation on the banks of the Connecticut is one of idyllic beauty, to which is added the charm of historic associations. Dr. Holland in "The Bay Path," tells the romantic story of the early days of struggle and sacrifice.

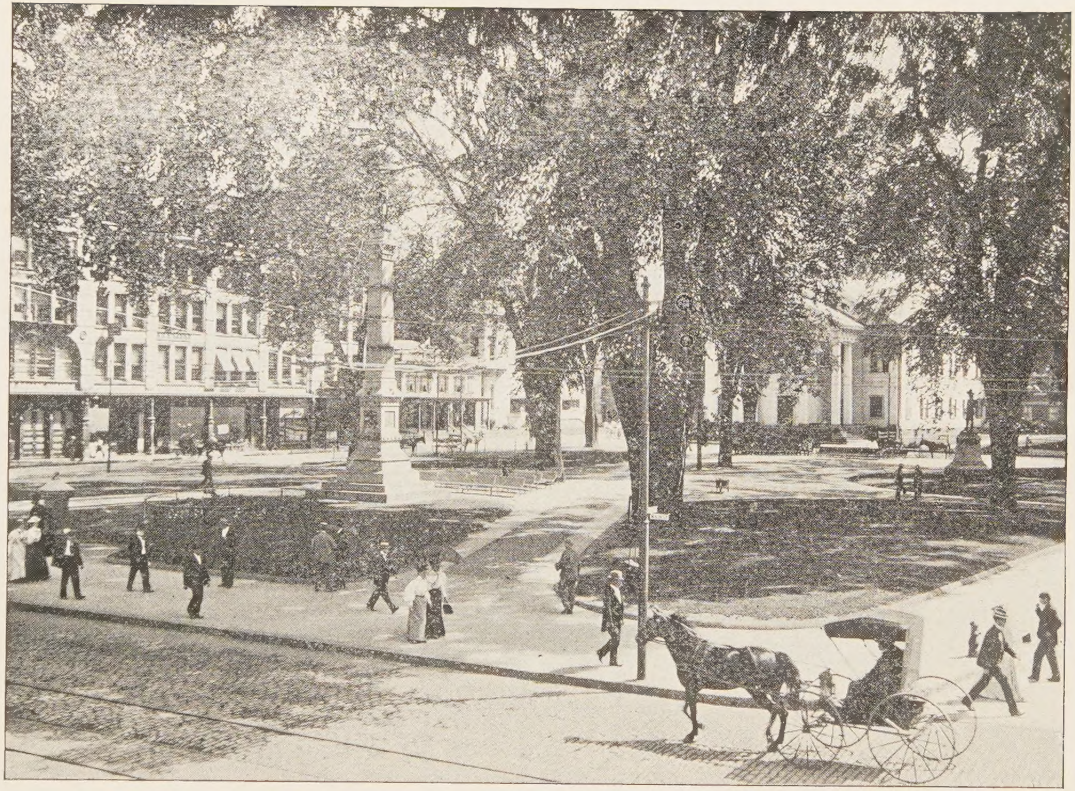
It was in the year 1636 that the little band of colonists under the leadership of that remarkable character, William Pyncheon, left the Bay to begin the heroic work of subduing the wilderness.

Springfield is called the "city of homes," a term indicative of comfort and of hospitality, and at the same time expressive of the unusual commercial prosperity of its citizens. As a financial center, the city is second only to Boston in the commonwealth. It has varied and extensive industries, but with its abundance of material prosperity, the higher needs of the community are not forgotten.

Well kept streets and beautiful parks, churches, schools and public buildings, bear witness to the intelligence and civic pride of the citizen body.

The city itself, numbers 62,059 inhabitants, but it is the commercial center of a district containing not far from half a million of population. Within a short radius also, are many of the most important educational institutions in New England. Within its own limits, are the Y. M. C. A. Training School, the Bible Normal College, and the French American College.

South of the city twenty-six miles away, at Hartford, is the Hartford Theological Seminary, and Yale University at New Haven is thirty-seven miles farther south. To the north eighteen miles distant, at Northampton, is Smith College with its eleven hundred students, an institution which has just celebrated a quarter of a century of unparelled growth.



Court Square

On the other side of the river, at South Hadley, is Mt. Holyoke College, with six hundred students; strong in its ancient traditions of service, and constantly growing in favor. Twenty-four miles away is Amherst, entering upon a new era of prosperity under the able administration of President Harris.

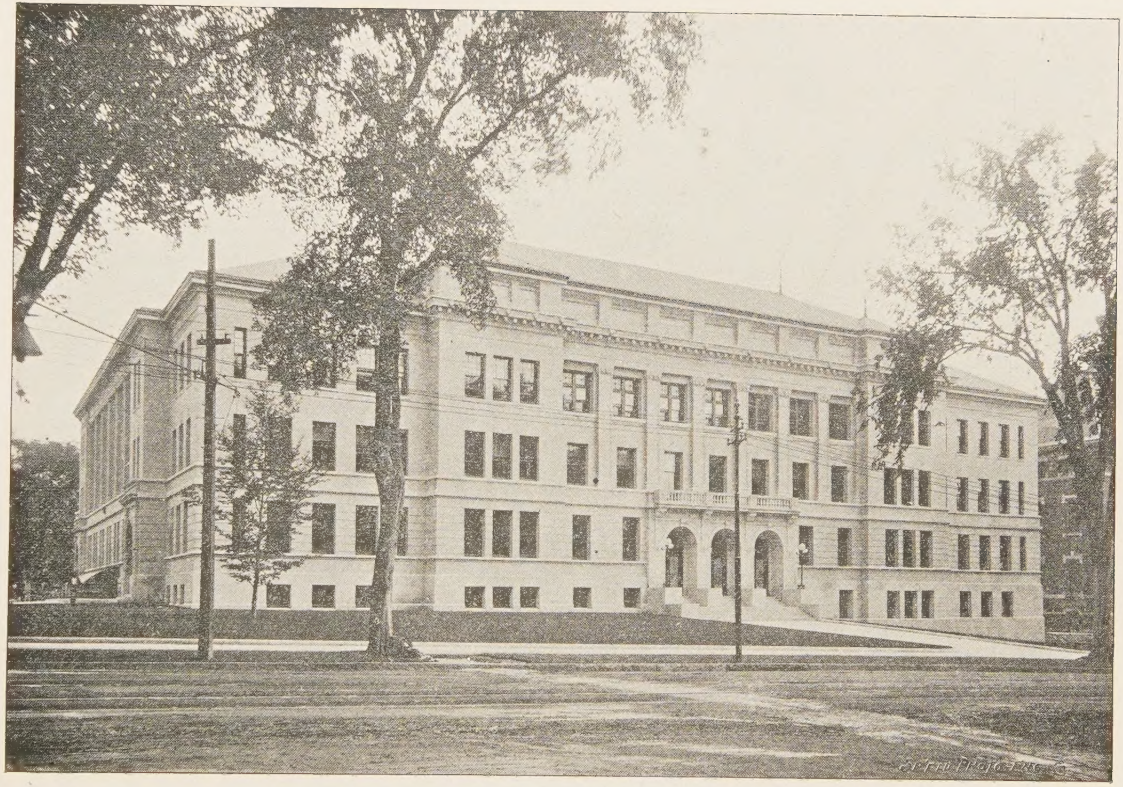
Our guests will doubtless find time to explore the city, and the following directions may be found helpful;

Standing at the door of Court Square Theatre, the place of meeting, one sees on the left the Hampden County Court House, and the historic First Church of which Rev. Frank L. Goodspeed is pastor. Across the square is the City Hall, and a few steps down the street, the Grand Army building. Beneath the ancient elms of the square stand the Soldiers' Monument, and the bronze figure of Miles Morgan, an early settler.

The efficient service of the Springfield Street Railway takes one to all parts of the city and the surrounding country. The following trolley rides are suggested;

1. **State Street** From Court Square take any car marked State, Benton, Catherine Streets, or Indian Orchard. The car quickly turns from Main Street into State, a splendid avenue which comes sweeping down the hill in broad curves. The first street on the left is Dwight, at the corner of which stands the Y. M. C. A. building. Nearly opposite is the State Street Baptist Church. The next Street on the left is Chestnut, with Christ Episcopal Church facing the public square at the corner. In the square in front of the church stands St. Gauden's famous bronze, "The Puritan." The next building is the Public Library, with the Art Museum beyond, and the Science Hall in the rear. This group of buildings controlled by the City Library Association, might be called the intellectual center of the city. Under the efficient direction of the accomplished librarian, Mr. John Cotton Dana, the different departments, literature, art, and science, are co-ordinated, and the entire system is made to exert an unusual influence on the intellectual life of the city.

The great library of 110,000 volumes is made to serve the public in fresh and stimulating ways, while lectures on art and science serve



Springfield High School

to interest and instruct along these lines.

On the other side of the street, stand, in order, the Church of the Unity, the State Street Grammar School, and the High School building. The High School building erected at a cost of $300,000 for the building alone, is one of the finest in the country. The most modern methods of education are carried out under the direction of the recently chosen principal, Mr. William Orr, Jr., who succeeds Mr. Fred W. Atkinson, now Commissioner of Education in the Philippine Islands.

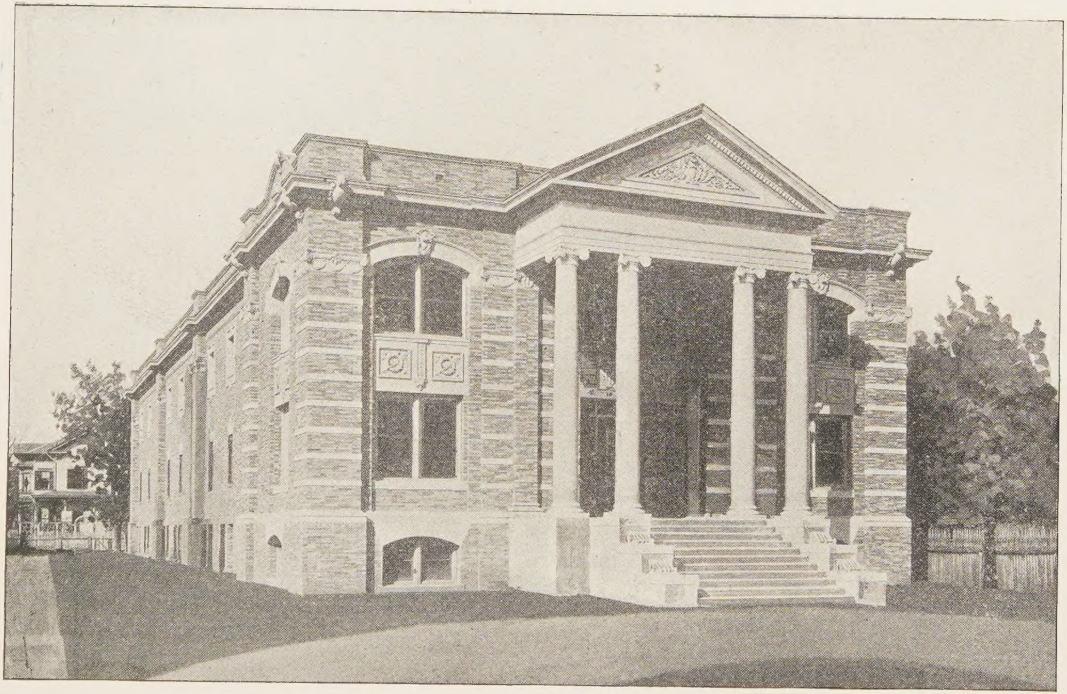
Beyond the Art Museum is the Catholic Cathedral at the corner of Elliot Street. At the head of Elliot Street is the North Congregational Church, of which Rev. Newton M. Hall is pastor.

The next street on the left is Spring, at the corner of which is the First Baptist Church. The next street is Byers and the entrance to the U. S. Armory grounds. Visitors may enter the beatifully kept government park containing the arsenals and houses of the officers. A magnificient view may be obtained from the top of the tower of the main arsenal, the key of which may be secured at the guard house. Permission will be given at the office, to visit the interesting museum.

Opposite the Armory grounds rise the white towers of Olivet Congregational Church, of which Rev. Edwin H. Hadlock is pastor. Reaching the crest of the hill, Federal Street is the first on the left.

On Federal Street begins Benton Park, midway in which stands a granite boulder recently erected by the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, to mark the place of a skirmish, in which, in the year 1787 Daniel Shay, the leader of Shay's Rebellion, was defeated in an attempt to seize the government arsenal.

Beyond Benton Park, are passed on the right the Highland Baptist Church, and Wesley Methodist Church, the latter in process of erection. Winchester Park is soon reached; on the right is Hope Congregational Church, Rev. Samuel H. Woodrow, pastor. On the left is the Bible Normal College, of which Rev. David Allen Reed is president, while just beyond the park on State Street is the French American College, under the presidency of Rev. S. H. Lee. These institutions with the Y. M. C. A. Training School, which



Science Building

may be reached by the King Street line via State, are all in a flourishing condition, and are rendering excellent service in their individual lines.

Park Congregational Church, Rev. Allan E. Cross, Pastor, is on St. James Avenue, reached by the St. James Avenue line, via State, and Emanuel Church, Rev. D. L. Kebbe, pastor, is on White Street, reached by Cross Town car.

2. **Maple Street** At Court Square take car marked U. S. Watershops. This line passes the South Congregational Church, of which Rev. Philip S. Moxom, D. D. is pastor, on the left one block from State, and some of the finest residences in the city.

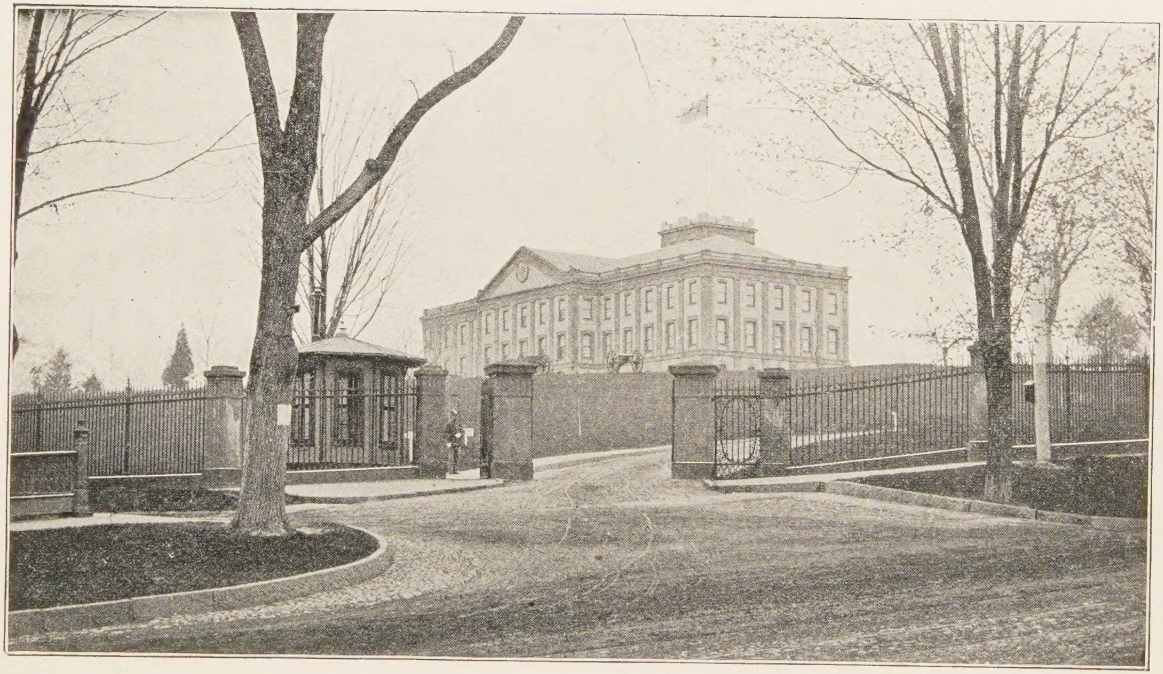
On the left is passed the entrance to the beautiful Springfield Cemetery. Here are the memorials to Dr. J. G. Holland, the famous novelist, and Samuel Bowles the founder of the *Springfield Republican*. The graves of the early settlers of the colony are here, among them may be seen the well preserved stone which marks the resting place of the beautiful Mary Holyoke, daughter of William Pyncheon. The terminus of the line is the government foundry and shops in the Southern part of the city.

3. **Forest Park** At Court Square take car marked Forest Park or Belmont Avenue, to Park entrance, passing (on Forest Park car) Faith Church, Rev. D. Butler Pratt, pastor, at corner of Sumner Avenue and Fort Pleasant Avenue.

Forest Park is a magnificient public reservation of about five hundred acres. It is laid out in admirable taste, and contains charming walks and drives through woodland avenues, past lakes and streams. Carriages at the park entrance, charge 25 cents.

4. **Longmeadow** At Court Square take car marked Longmeadow. On this trip, Forest Park is passed and lovely views of river and valley are obtained. Longmeadow is the ideal New England village, with its broad street and its colonial houses, one at least, dating back close to 1700. On the left of the village green is the old Congregational Church of which Rev. Stephen G. Barnes, D. D. is pastor.

5. **Westfield** At Court Square take the car marked West-



ENTRANCE TO ARMORY GROUNDS

field. Crossing the Connecticut river, West Springfield, another village with its broad park like streets and colonial houses is reached. The brick Church on the left is the Park Congregational, of which Rev. W. H. Webb, D. D. is pastor. The car passes on, over Tatham hill, beside the winding Westfield river to the enterprising city of Westfield. There are two Congregational Churches here, the 1st, Rev. J. H. Lockwood, the 2nd, Rev. W. C. Gordon. Distance, ten miles; Time one hour.

6. **Holyoke** At Court Square take car marked Holyoke. The same route as the preceeding is followed to West Springfield, where the car continues up the river, past the ancient Congregational Church on the hill, Rev. G. W. Love pastor. On the left are the grounds of the Springfield Country Club.

Holyoke is the largest paper making center in the world, a busy city of about 50,000 inhabitants. The pastors of the strong Churches are Rev. E. A. Reed, D. D., and Rev. G. W. Winch.

At Post Office Square cars may be taken for South Hadley, Mount Holyoke College, or for Mountain Park and Mount Tom.

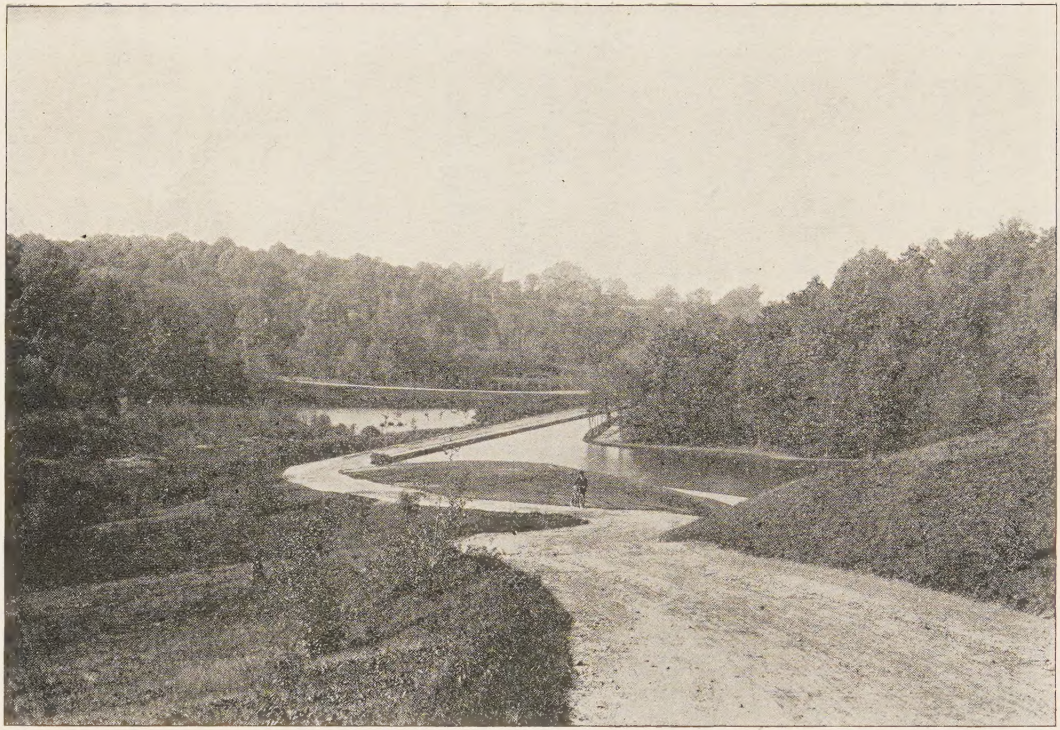
A special excursion is being arranged for Mount Tom, whose abrupt peak dominates the valley, from whose summit one of the most beautiful views in New England may be obtained.

7. Other trips may be taken to Agawam, Chicopee, Chicopee Falls.

The best way to reach Northampton is by rail on the Boston & Maine R. R. The trolley line from Holyoke is completed to Smith's Ferry.

Amherst is connected by trolley with Northampton. Cars every hour. Distance seven miles.

Laurel Hill, Forest Park



Pecousic Valley, Forest Park

HEADQUARTERS OF TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE OF THE FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION

REDUCED FARES

The following Passenger Associations have agreed to grant reduced fares on the "certificate plan" from points in their territory,

NEW ENGLAND, CENTRAL, TRUNK LINE, WESTERN AND SOUTH-EASTERN

This plan provides that if there are 100 or more persons present **who have paid full first-class fares** to this city **from points where the rate is more than 75 cents,** and have **obtained from Ticket Agent at the time of purchase a certificate in proper form to that effect,** they will be entitled to purchase from Ticket Agent in this city a return ticket, **over same route as they came,** for **one third the regular first-class fare.**

Certificates **must be delivered, on arrival,** to the Transportation Committee who will give receipt for same, and must be called for not later than evening of the 25th. They will be good for reduced rates to night of Monday the 29th.

Parties starting from points **outside** the lines of any of the above Passenger Associations, or from stations not provided with through tickets and certificates, should **purchase tickets to nearest junction point within the lines of the above Associations,** and there obtain **through ticket and certificate.**

POSITIVELY NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD FOR RETURN TRIP AT REDUCED FARES UNLESS ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS ARE FULLY COMPLIED WITH

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Transportation Committee Room will be kept supplied with full assortment of railroad guides, maps, time tables, etc, not only of railroads but of local street cars and other modes of conveyance.

Members of the Committee will be on hand from 9 A. M. to end of evening session on all days of the meeting ready to assist visitors not only in the matter of their return tickets, but also in regard to trolley trips, steamboat rides, carriage drives, etc.

Mount Tom, a dozen miles north of Springfield and the highest point in the region, is reached by a remarkable trolley line which takes passengers to the summit where a very fine view is obtained of the country for fifty miles in every direction.

The Committee is planning a trip to the mountain for Friday morning (the 26th), particulars of which can be obtained on arrival. As the number of persons who can be accommodated in the special cars is limited it will be well to make application for ticket promptly.

There is a fine new steamer on the river carrying 400 persons and arrangements have been made to charter this for a beautiful sail of two hours at noon on the 24th or 25th (or both) at a very reasonable rate if a sufficient number of applications for tickets are received by Tuesday night, the 23rd.

For the Transportation Committee,

CHARLES D. REID, Chairman.

Provisional Program.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 23rd, 2.30 o'clock.

1. Organization.
2. Address of Welcome from City Mayor, Hon. Wm. P. Hayes.
3. Address of Welcome from Churches, Rev. Philip S. Moxom, D.D.
4. President's Response.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Report of Executive Committee, read by Mr. C. A. Hull, Chairman.
7. General Business.
8. Concert of Prayer.

TUESDAY EVENING, OCT. 23rd, 7.30 o'clock.

1. Sermon, Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, D.D., N. Y.
2. Communion Service.

WEDNESDAY FORENOON, OCT. 24th, 8.30 o'clock.

Devotional Meeting.

Business.

1. Chinese Missions, Report and Address, Rev. Edwin H. Byington, Mass.
2. The Chinese in America and the Regeneration of China, Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D., N. Y.
3. Indian Missions, Report and Address, Rev. C. A. Vincent, D.D., Ill.
4. A Negro's Plea for the Negro, Rev. A. C. Garner, D. C.
5. Higher Education of the Negro, Pres. Horace Bumstead, D. D., Ga.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 24th, 2 o'clock.

Business.

1. Missionary Message from the Mountains, Rev. H.L. Hoyt, Tenn.
2. Missionary Message from Porto Rico, Rev. John Edwards, Porto Rico.
3. Missionary Message from the Negroes, Mr. J. R. Savage, Ala.
4. Three-fold Education of the Negro, Pres. Truman J. Backus, LL.D., N. Y.
5. Secretarial Paper, Secretary A. F. Beard, D.D., N. Y.

6. Church Work in the South, Report and Address, Rev. Frank S. Fitch, D.D., N. Y.
7. Ethical and Spiritual Value of our Churches to the Negro, Rev. Dewitt S. Clark, D.D., Mass.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCT. 24th, 7.30 o'clock.

1. From the Mission Fields:

   The Indians, Rev. Wheeler M. Wellman, M.D., Okla.
   The Chinese, Chang Kew, N. Y.
   The Negroes, Mr. William Pickens, Ala.
2. Our Responsibilities to Undeveloped Races, Principal H. B. Frissell, D.D., Va.
3. Condition and Outlook for the Negro, Principal Booker T. Washington, Ala.

THURSDAY FORENOON, OCT. 25th, 8.30 o'clock.

Devotional Meeting.
Business.

1. Financial Report and Address, George Wilcox, Esq., N. Y.
2. Our Common Work:

   Gen. T. J. Morgan, LL.D., Sec. American Baptist Home Missionary Society, N. Y.

   Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D.D. Sec. Freedmen's Aid Society, M. E. Church, O.
3. Educational Work in the South, Report and Address, Prof. S. T. Dutton, N. Y.
4. Open Parliament.
5. Missionary Appeal of the Twentieth Century for America, Pres. J. H. Barrows, LL.D., O.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCT. 25th, 2 o'clock.

Woman's Meeting.

Greetings from W. H. M. A. of Mass. and Rhode Island.

1. Annual Report of Woman's Work, Miss D. E. Emerson, Secretary, N. Y.
2. Our Plea for Indian Women, Mrs. W. M. Wellman, Okla.
3. Our Mission to the Highlanders, Mrs. H. L. Hoyt, Tenn.
4. Observations in the South, Mrs. Truman J. Backus, N. Y.
5. Student Life and Afterward, Miss Nettie Crump, Ala.
6. Progress of Colored Women, Mrs. M. J. Terrell, D.C.

Business Meeting, 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 25th, 7.30 o'clock.

1. Enlarged Work in our Mission Fields, Rev. A. R. Thain, D.D., Ill.
2. Enlarged Fields for our Mission Work, Rev. C. W. Hiatt, D.D., O.
3. Closing Address, President F. A. Noble, D.D., Ill.

Some changes may be made in the program but it will stand substantially as here given. The Jubilee Singers from Fisk University will give their Plantation Melodies at each service. There will be an industrial exhibition at the First Church Chapel.

ENTERTAINMENT.

All who are to attend the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the American Missionary Association are urged to communicate immediately with the Entertainment Committee. Free lodgings and breakfasts will be given only to Officers, Speakers, Missionaries of this Association, Life Members and Delegates. Each applicant should state relation to these classes. In absence of such information, a party will not be assigned free entertainment (lodgings and breakfasts). Noon lunches and suppers can be obtained at a low rate of a party who will cater for this particular occasion, near the place of meetings. A number of families have promised to entertain persons for 50 cts. a lodging and 25 cts. a breakfast, and many hotels have given liberal rates. Owing to the large attendance expected, the Entertainment Committee urge all those who are to attend, to send in their names *at once;* otherwise there is great danger that no assignments can be made them. State whether Mr., Mrs. or Miss. No *free* entertainments assigned after October 20th.

A Reception Committee will be present at the station to welcome guests on their arrival at Springfield.

The Entertainment Committee wish to emphasize the necessity of applying for assignments as early as possible.

Address all communications to

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First Methodist Episcopal Church, Evanston, Ill.	49 "
Park Congregational Church, Hartford, Conn.	42 "
First Unitarian Church, Detroit, Mich.	43 "

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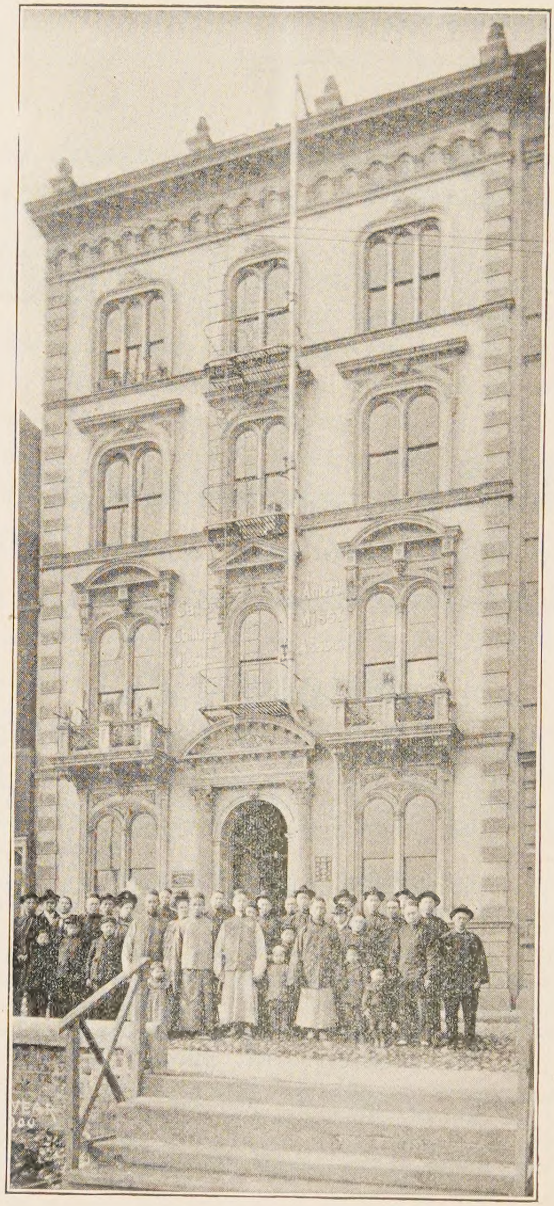

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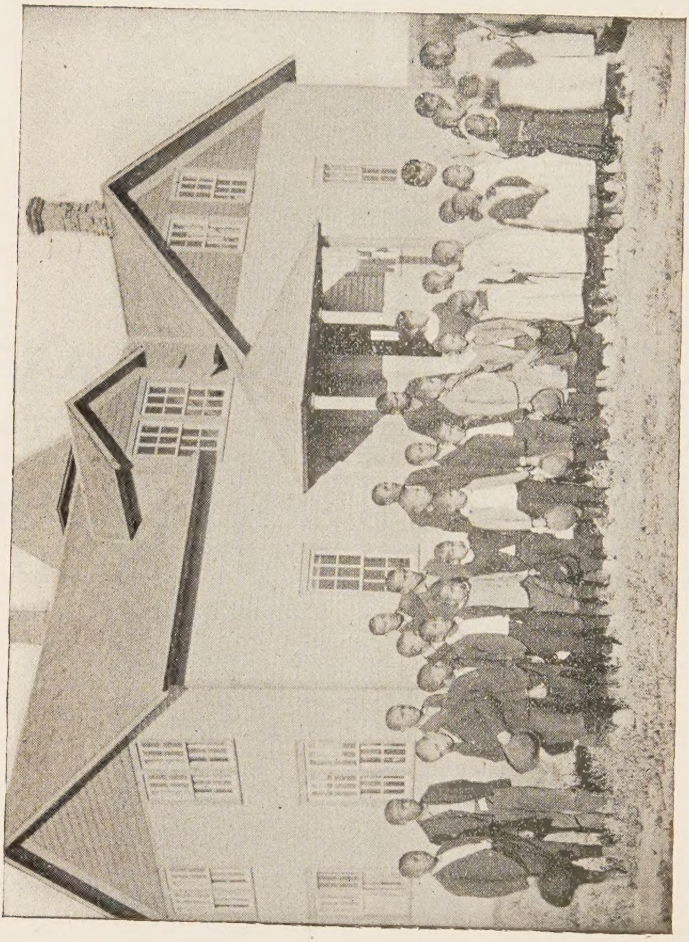

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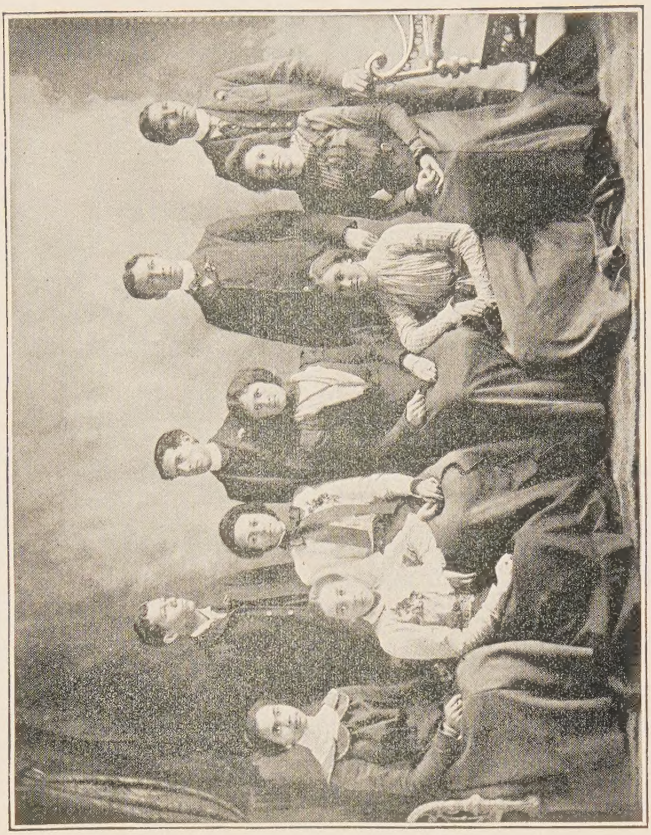

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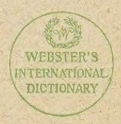

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